

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending in the instant application. Claim 10 was previously cancelled. As discussed in detail with the Examiner and explained in further detail below, claims 1, 8, and 12 are herein amended to clarify that the polymer, e.g. the polysiloxane gum, has a viscosity of 1,000,000 centistokes or more. Support for this amendment is set forth in at least paragraph [0004] of the application as originally filed. As also discussed with the Examiner, claims 2-7, 11, and 13-20 are herein amended for the sake to consistency to change the terminology “characteriz(s)ed in that” to “wherein.” As agreed upon with the Examiner, no new matter is herein added.

Interview Summary:

The Applicant’s attorneys conducted a series of interviews with the Examiner to discuss amending the claims to secure allowance. In these Interviews, the Applicant’s attorneys agreed with the Examiner to amend the claims to further clarify the viscosity of the polymer, as set forth herein. The Applicant’s attorneys also discussed amending claims 2-7, 11, and 13-20 as described above. The Examiner agreed with the Applicant’s attorneys that such amendments would be entered. It is the understanding of the Applicant’s attorneys that the amended claims will be promptly allowed upon entry of this Amendment.

Conclusion:

While it is believed that no further fees are presently due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 08-2789, in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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